

# Senate File 553 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to background checks for persons being  
2 considered for employment by a child care home and providing  
3 access to child abuse information in the child abuse  
4 registry.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 235A.15, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code  
2 2019, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (15) To an administrator of a child care  
4 home as defined under chapter 237 if the data concerns a person  
5 employed or being considered for employment by the child care  
6 home.

7 Sec. 2. Section 237A.5, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
8 subparagraph (1), Code 2019, is amended by adding the following  
9 new subparagraph division:

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (f) The person is being  
11 considered by a child care home for employment involving direct  
12 responsibility for a child or with access to a child when  
13 the child is alone or when the person is employed with such  
14 responsibilities.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to background checks for persons being  
19 considered for employment by a child care home.

20 Code section 235A.15 grants authorized access to the  
21 child abuse registry to certain departments, agencies, and  
22 individuals. The bill authorizes access to the child abuse  
23 registry to an administrator of a child care home as defined  
24 under Code chapter 237 if the data concerns a person employed  
25 or being considered for employment by the child care home.

26 Code section 237A.5 requires certain persons being  
27 considered for licensure or registration as a child care home  
28 to be subject to a record check. Under current law, child care  
29 homes are not required to be licensed and registered if the  
30 child care home provides care for five or fewer children. The  
31 bill provides that a person who is being considered by a child  
32 care home for employment involving direct responsibility for  
33 a child or with access to a child when the child is alone or  
34 when the person is employed with such responsibilities shall  
35 be subject to a record check.